

New U.S. Appln.
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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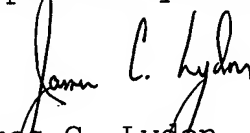
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends claims 1 and 3-9 and presents a new abstract. The changes to the claims merely delete drawing reference numerals, eliminate multiple dependencies and otherwise conform the claims more closely to U.S. practice. The substitute abstract is based on the PCT abstract. Claims 1-9 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement and Recordation Form Cover Sheet are attached.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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Substitute Abstract
Information Disclosure Statement
Recordation Form Cover Sheet